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1. TANGOV DAILY NEWS SEPTEMBER 13 PUBLISHED STATEMENT BY FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL ADDRESSED TO "MOZAMBICAN WOMEN AND MEN, OFFICERS, SERGEANTS AND SOLDIERS OF THE PORTUGUESE ARMY." STATEMENT REPORTEDLY ISSUED SEPTEMBER 8 EMPHASIZES MANY SAME POINTS MACHEL MADE IN PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS RETURN TO DAR ES SALAAM FROM LUSAKA (REFTEL). IN ADDITION, MACHEL MAKES SEVERAL OTHER POINTS. FULL TEXT STATEMENT BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT. KEY ITEMS FROM STATEMENT FOLLOW:

2. THOSE WHO OPPOSE LUSAKA ACCORD, MACHEL SAID, ACTING AGAINST WISHES OF PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF PORTUGAL. THEY ARE TRYING TO CREATE ATMOSPHERE

OF RACIAL CONFLICT, CHAOS AND ANARCHY. IN THIS CONTEXT THEY RECRUITED MERCENARY FORCES, THEY SOUGHT SUPPORT FROM RACIST REACTIONARY FORCES. IF RACIAL CONFLICT UNLEASHED, THERE WOULD BE READY EXCUSE TO INTERNATIONALIZE WAR. WE HEREBY WARN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN WHAT WOULD NECESSARILY BE CONSIDERED IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION.

3. SIGNING OF LUSAKA ACCORD HERALDS COMPLETE CEASEFIRE BETWEEN FORCES OF FRELIMO AND THE PORTUGUESE. IT ALSO HERALDS BEGINNING OF INDEPENDENCE THROUGHOUT WHOLE TERRITORY OF MOZAMBIQUE. THIS IS WISH OF MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE, OF PORTUGUESE PEOPLE, OF PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. THIS IS WISH EXPRESSED TO US (FRELIMO LEADERS) DIRECTLY BY GENERAL SPINOLA, COLONEL VASCO GONCALVES AND GENERAL COSTA GOMES.

4. THEREFORE IT IS DUTY OF FRELIMO AND PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES WORKING INTIMATELY TOGETHER, FOLLOWING SPIRIT AND WORDS OF LUSAKA AGREEMENT, TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC ORDER, DEFEND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND GUARANTEE PROCESS OF INDEPENDENCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE. FRELIMO WILL NOT TOLERATE RACIAL CONFLICT. "AT THIS IMPORTANT MOMENT MORE THAN EVER THE WIDE MASSES MUST BE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH THIS HANDFUL OF CRIMINALS FROM THE WHITE POPULATION WHERE THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY WISHES TO PARTICIPATE, CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE NATION'S TRUE ASPIRATIONS, IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE... TO THE WHITE POPULATION ESSENTIALLY MADE UP OF HONEST WORKERS WE REPEAT WHAT WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID: OUR STRUGGLE IS YOUR STRUGGLE, IT IS THE STRUGGLE AGAINST EXPLOITATION, THE STRUGGLE TO BUILD A NEW COUNTRY, TO ESTABLISH THE PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC POWER... THESE REACTIONARY FORCES ARE THUS ENDANGERING THE VAST POSSIBILITIES OF OUR WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE TRUE RACIAL HARMONY IN OUR COUNTRY."

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5. FRELIMO DOES NOT WISH TO BEGIN NEW WAR, MACHEL SAID, WHEN WE HAVE JUST ENDED TEN YEARS OF FIGHTING. WILL DO SO, HOWEVER, TO DEFEND MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY.

6. NEW ERA OPENED SEPTEMBER 8 "BETWEEN FRELIMO AND PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES, NOW RECONCILED IN THE

SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND DEMOCRACY WHICH HAS
ALWAYS UNITED OUR PEOPLES... IT IS OUR DUTY TO
HONOR THE LUSAKA AGREEMENT, TO HONOR THE COURAGEOUS
EFFORTS OF THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT
WHICH ON APRIL 25 REINSTATED DEMOCRACY AND DIGNITY
IN PORTUGAL. ON SIGNING THE AGREEMENT WE EXTEND
OUR HAND TO YOU IN GOOD FAITH. THE REACTIONARIES
WANT US TO RESUME THE FIGHTING. WE WANT TO TELL
YOU IT IS OUR WISH TO KEEP OUR HAND EXTENDED.
TOGETHER WE MUST NOW TIRELESSLY FIGHT THE COMMON
ENEMY: THE ENEMIES OF PEACE, THE ENEMIES OF
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND
PORTUGAL. THIS ENEMY CONSISTS OF THE REMNANTS OF
THE COLONIAL-FASCIST REGIME IN MOZAMBIQUE."
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